



**WORKSHOP**  
on  
**BALTEX ASSESSMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**for the Baltic Sea basin (BACC)**

**Helsinki, Finland**  
**19 – 20 May 2005**



The workshop will be held at the HELCOM Secretariat.  
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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**Background and Purpose of the Workshop**

The objective of the BACC (BALTEX Assessment of Climate Change for the Baltic Sea basin) initiative is to provide the scientific community with an assessment of ongoing climate change in the Baltic Sea Basin based on accessible literature. An important element is the comparison with the historical past (until about 1800) to provide a framework for the severity and unusualness of the change. The planned deliverable of BACC is a review book on our present knowledge about climate changes in the Baltic Sea basin. A group of contributing and lead authors has therefore been established, and individual chapters of the planned book are currently being drafted. The purpose of this workshop is to review the compiled material, harmonize individual chapter contents against the objectives of the book, and undertake all possible efforts towards establishing a final draft manuscript. The expected participants to this workshop are all contributing authors, and members of the BACC Science Steering Group. The workshop will consist of plenary and chapter outbreak sessions and is expected to run for two days.

BACC has recently been endorsed by the BALTEX Science Steering Group, and a joint project with HELCOM (the Helsinki Commission) was suggested in the sense, that HELCOM has indicated interest for using the compiled BACC material for specific HELCOM thematic reports. The workshop will therefore be organised at HELCOM facilities in Helsinki, Finland.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Wednesday, 18 May 2005

As the official start of the workshop is early Thursday morning, participants are strongly encouraged to travel to Helsinki already on 18 May.

An informal, non-organized get-together is planned from **20.00 hours** onwards in the “**Key West**” pub located in the building of the **Hotel Grand Marina**.

### Thursday, 19 May 2005

**9.00            Opening and Introduction**  
Hans von Storch, BACC SSC chairman  
Representative of HELCOM  
Others tbd

#### **Presentation of Chapters Contents and Discussion**

The present chapters contents will be reviewed by the respective chapter lead author. The material presented will be open for discussion by all participants.

**9.30            Chapter 2: Past and Current Climate Change**  
Speakers: Raino Heino and Heikki Tuomenvirta  
Discussion

*Break*

**11.30          Chapter 3: Projections of Climate Change**  
Speaker: Phil Graham  
Discussion

**13.00          Lunch**

#### **Presentation of Chapter Contents and Discussion (continued)**

**14.00          Chapter 4: Climate-related Ecosystem Change**  
Speaker: Bodo von Bodungen  
Discussion

**15.30          Break**

**16.00          Breakout Sessions**

Authors of each chapter will convene in separate chapter sessions to discuss the outcome of the morning session and implications for the material to be included in the next draft chapter version.

Breakout sessions are expected to continue throughout the afternoon.

**19.00          Reception at the HELCOM Secretariat**

**Friday, 20 May 2005**

**9.00 Plenary: Summary Presentations of Breakout Sessions**

The chapter lead authors will review discussions and conclusions of the breakout sessions. A final overview on the material and findings of chapters 2 to 4 are expected to be given.

**10.30** *Break*

**11.00 Presentation of the Introduction and Summary chapters**

Speaker: Hans von Storch

Discussion

**13.00** *Lunch*

**14.00** **Final discussion**  
**Wrap up of the workshop**  
**Future actions and time line**  
**Any other business**

**15.00** **Closing of the workshop**

## Local Logistics

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## Accommodation

Block bookings have been made for 18-20 May 2005 at the following two hotels within walking distance from the HELCOM Secretariat. Participants are kindly requested to make their own reservations directly to one of the hotels below.

### **Hotel Grand Marina\*\*\*\***

Address: Katajanokanlaituri 7, 00160 Helsinki (opposite to HELCOM Secretariat)  
Tel.int.: **+358-(0)9-1666 800**  
Fax int.: **+358-(0)9-664764/sales dept.**  
Reservation code: BACC  
Room rate: EUR 115,- /standard single room/night, breakfast included  
Deadline for booking: 2 May 2005

### **Hotel Skatta\*\***

Linnankatu 3, FIN-00160 Helsinki  
Tel. +358-9-659233  
Fax:int.: +358-80)9-631352  
Reservation code: BACC  
Room rate: EUR 65,- /single room/night  
Deadline for booking: 2 May 2005